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SUBJECT: KOREA: HOSTILE RESOLUTION

1. ASSUME THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE WORKING HARD AT COLOMBO, NOT ONLY TO GET NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT TO ENDORSE A RESOLUTION AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ONE THEIR FRIENDS SUBMITTED AUGUST 16 FOR THE UN AGENDA, BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS. THEY ALREADY HAVE 24 (WITH SOMALIA ADDED) OF THE 43 CO-SPONSORS THEY HAD LAST YEAR. OF THE REMAINING 19, AMONG WHOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ACTIVE NOW AT COLOMBO, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THEY WILL FIND SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING HARD LINE STATES: CUBA, BENIN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, CONFIDENTIAL

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GUINEA BISSAU, LIBYA, CAMBODIA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

2. WHILE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MUCH SUCCESS IN DETERRING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GROUP FROM CO-SPONSORSHIP, THERE ARE 12 REMAINING CO-SPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR THAT WE BELIEVE MIGHT BE DISSUADED FROM OVER-HASTY ASSOCIATION WITH HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THEY ARE: EGYPT, RWANDA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, SENEGAL, GHANA, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, CAPE VERDE AND MAURITANIA. WITHIN THIS GROUP, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR CHANCES OF DETERRING YUGOSLAVIA, TANZANIA AND SYRIA FROM CO-SPONSORSHIP ARE LIMITED, BUT WE WOULD HOPE THEY MIGHT

BE GIVEN PAUSE BY THE PROMINENCE WHICH THE HARSH AUGUST 5 STATEMENT BY THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN IN THE HOSTILE ITEM. THIS STATEMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS BEING REPEATED SEPTTEL, IS EXTREMELY HOSTILE IN TONE TOWARD THE U.S., AND WE COULD ARGUE THAT ENDORSEMENT OF THE HOSTILE ITEM IS TANTAMOUNT TO SUPPORT OF THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED THEREIN. SINCE THESE THREE COUNTRIES, DESPITE THEIR CONSISTENT SYMPATHY FOR NORTH KOREA, ALSO DESIRE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ANY ENDORSEMENT OR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOSTILE ITEM. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE MAIN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE, TOGETHER WITH ROK'S, WITH OTHERS. DO NOT APPROACH EGYPT AT THIS TIME.

3. WITH REGARD REMAINING 8 CO-SPONSORS, THERE HAS BEEN RECENT EVIDENCE REPORTED FROM CAPITALS IN EACH OF THESE CASES THAT THEY ARE OPEN TO A MORE MODERATE POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. GIVEN THE CONSIDERABLE DEBATE THE KOREAN ISSUE HAS HAD AT COLOMBO, WE BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EMPHASIZE WITH THEM ANY DIVERGENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF NON-ALIGNED THINKING EMERGING ON KOREA AND THE HOSTILE ITEM. FURTHERMORE, ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED AT VARIOUS TIMES THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF LOGIC THAT SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT MUST BE A PARTY TO WORKING OUT PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AN ELEMENT WHICH NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT ADMITTED EITHER IN THEIR ITEM OR IN THEIR STATEMENTS AT COLOMBO. THIS ELEMENT IS, OF COURSE, CONTAINED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY'S JULY 22 PROPOSAL AND WILL BE COVERED IN ALTERNATE APPROACH TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM WHICH WILL SURFACE SHORTLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. FOR KATZEN: TO THE EXTENT THAT OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS IN FINAL DAY OF CONFERENCE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR USING ABOVE ARGUMENTATION ESPECIALLY ON GROUP OF COUNTRIES IN PARA 2 (THE 12 NAMED MINUS YUGOSLAVIA, TANZANIA, EGYPT,

SYRIA) SHARING EFFORT WHERE POSSIBLE WITH ROK DEL (E.G., SUDAN, SENEGAL AND UPPER VOLTA WITH WHOM ROK HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SUCH REPRESENTATIVES OF KOREA CORE GROUP COUNTRIES AS APPEAR TO HAVE GOOD ENTRE WITH THESE DELEGATIONS. WE PLAN TO BE INSTRUCTING OUR EMBASSIES IN THESE AND OTHER CAPITALS TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE NEXT WEEK AFTER RETURN OF NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS, BUT WISH TO HEAD OFF ANY ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO OTHER SIDE WHICH MIGHT BE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE INTERIM. WE BELIEVE THAT, SINCE YOU WILL BE CLEARLY ADDRESSING AN ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR UNGA DEBATE, THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF APPEARING TO TAKE ROLE IN NAM DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

5. WITH REGARD TO PUERTO RICO, WE NOTE WITH CONCERN PREDICTION THAT PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE MAY COME DIRECTLY FROM HOSTILE DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO SUMMIT PLENARY. IN OUR TALKS WITH NGUZA HERE, HE PROMISED ACTIVE ROLE ON THIS PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEE IF HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN OPPOSING ANY CONSENSUS ON UNDESIRABLE LANGUAGE. KISSINGER

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